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For: NOVEL GYMNEMIC ACID DERIVATIVES, PROCESS FOR
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

August 10, 2001

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to read:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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Before line 1, insert --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/CN00/00010 which has an International filing date of January